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PASS TREASURY FOR CUSTOMS

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SUBJECT: MTN: NTB NEGOTIATIONS, TARIFF NOMENCLATURE

REF: GENEVA 1525

1. IN COURSE OF INTIAL NTB MEETINGS OF MTN, FOUR GROUPS OF NTB'S WERE SELECTED FOR INITIAL NEGOTIATIONS (REFTEL). GROUP CONCERNING CUSTOMS MATTERS INCLUDES CUSTOMS NOMENCLATURE, WHICH ADDED BY EC WITH SUPPORT OF OTHERS. APPARENT EC OBJECTIVE OF ADDITION OF CUSTOMS NOMENCLATURE IS TO ENCOURAGE COUNTRIES NOT CURRENTLY USING BRUSSELS TARIFF NOMENCLATURE (BTN) TO ADOPT THIS SYSTEM.

2. IN DISCUSSION OF THIS QUESTION U.S. REP (KELLY) STATED THAT TSUS WAS ECLELLANT TARIFF NOMENCLATURE AND THAT NO OTHER SYSTEM CURRENTLY IN USE WAS SUITABLE FOR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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UNIVERSAL ADOPTION. QUOTING FROM DOCUMENT OF CUSTOMS

COOPERATION COUNCIL (CCC) HE CHARACTERIZED BTN AS
"CLEARLY CONDEMNED TO DISAPPEAR IN THE NEAR FUTURE IF
A DETERMINED EFFORT IS NOT MADE TO REVISE IT. THE BTN
IS VERY LARGELY BASED ON THE GENEVA NOMENCLATURE, WHICH
WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1931 AND 1937; TECHNOLOGICAL AND
COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENTS SINCE THAT TIME--AND PARTICULARLY
IN THE LAST FIFTEEN YEARS--HAVE BEEN CONSIDERABLE. IN
MANY RESPECTS, THE PRESENT BTN IS THEREFORE OBSOLESCEANT."
U.S. REP ADDED THAT HARMONIZED COMMODITY DESCRIPTION AND
CODING SYSTEM NOW UNDER DEVELOPMENT IN CUSTOMS COOPERATION
COUNCIL COULD PROVIDE USEFUL POINT OF DEPARTURE AND THAT
CCC WORK SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED TO MOVE FORWARD AT A MUCH MORE
REPAID PACE.

3. FYI. USDEL DOES NOT EXPECT NOMENCLATURE ISSUE WILL
BE SUBJECT OF INITIAL MTN CONSIDERATION OF CUSTOMS RELATED
MATTERS, AS CCC WORK IS IN PROGRESS. HOWEVER, USDEL WOULD
APPRECIATE BRIEFING OF MTN PERSONNEL BY CONCERNED U.S.
AGENCIES (CUSTOMS BUREAU AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE COM-
MISSION) TO ASSURE COORDINATION AND AID EVENTUAL ADOPTION
BY EC AND OTHERS OF A MODERN UNIVERSAL NOMENCLATURE.
NEWKIRK AND HEISE WILL BE AVAILABLE WEEK OF MARCH 11 IN
WASHINGTON. END FYI.

4. FOR STR GUENTHER AND KELLY: H. LAMAR AND R. BEST
SHOULD BE INFORMED OF ABOVE. WOLFF

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